New Yk - 16 Augt. 1842 -

My dear Doctor

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 10th & send herewith, all my Nuttall Plants up to, & including Cynareæ - I never saw Ptarmica wild or cultivated in Amer.a - I found Artemisia vulgaris very frequent in Franklin Coy Vt. particularly about Swanton, where it is most abundant, growing by the road sides to the height of 6 - 8 ft.! How is it that you did not get your Copy of the "American" until the 9th.? Henry mailed it, himself, at Pine St. on the Eveng. of Publication - Your Pot of Asplenium shall have due care, & waits your orders - If you are likely to visit us next Month, you can take it on yourself - To-day, I have been examining the plants sent me, by Chapman, & there occur'd that Schoenus-looking thing which you may remember was sent to you by Short who received it also from Chapman - The Specimen he sends me is scarcely even in

If you have not got Schoenus nigricans, in your herb. ask Oakes to send it me from his Collec.n when he is sending me any thing -

flower, but having carefully soaked it out I find that it is unquestionably a Sp. of Chætospora R.Br. (as given by Kunth & very close to C. (Schœnus) nigricans, or (which I strongly suspect) that very Species, of which I have no recollection, tho' it is an English plant. It will be droll enough if a Native of Europe - the Caspian - & Northern Persia & perhaps the Cape G.H. should turn up in Florida - I suppose your herbarium is like a Midshipman's Chest "Every thing uppermost & nothing handy" but if, without trouble, you can send me a Specimen of Schœnus nigricans you will oblige me - If you have it not to spare I shall return it honestly, but I wish to see how far they correspond, as I shall tell Chapman what I think about it - When you return my plants will be time enough, if you can bear the matter in mind so long - I trust you will enjoy your trip to the W. Mts. & lay in a stock of Solidago thyrsoidea, for which I should willingly be your debtor - I hope you will have the Company of Mr. Oakes, on your Tour, as he would, no doubt be a capital Companion & guide for that region - I have no news for you, Botanical or otherwise - I was in Wall St., last week, & was informed that every thing was in a most depressed & gloomy State - The recent dishonesty of the wealthy State of Penn.a has done, & is likely to do, still further damage to the general credit of the Country, which was bad enough before - I have heard nothing of our friend Torrey & you, probably, know more of his movements than I do - I rarely, or I might almost say never, go from home, & have done no botanizing for a long time - Do you want Sabbatia chloroides? I got some the last time I was at the Durham Swamps - I suppose Mr. Browne is out of Town, for his Vacation, as I have not seen him since you left us - Brother Sam. & his family are still at S. Island, & will remain there, I suppose, thro' the month of September - I shall be very pleased to hear, by Boyce, that you are likely to be comfortable, & in the meantime it is well that you do pretty well thus far - I did not expect that you would feel snug & at home, all at once, as you must needs miss your friends & associates, more especially the good Dr. T. & his family — I am glad you are beginning to work at the Flora, as it will amuse you, & expedite the publication — Two good things — I should certainly like well enough to say yes to your invitation to come & help you, but it may not be; for I really cannot afford it — I fear that you & I shall never work together again — Be this as it may, I remember the past with pleasure, & for the future must content myself with profiting by your printed labours, if I live to see another Number issue from the Press — I give you 6 Mos! from this time, to have it published. Say — middle of Feby — You must stir up the Doctor for his Lobeliaceae & Campan.&c. if they are likely to be wanted for the next Number — I almost hope they will not, as the Close of Compositae, & the addenda & Synopt. Sketches of that family, will close up the Vol. at a good point, unless you think of again giving 4 Numbers — This certainly would make the Vols. more uniform, but the work must, in any Case, occupy fully four volumes — I wish you well & happily thro' it, & hope, with Darlington, that it may be completed in my life-time — Truly Yrs. Jn. Carey